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Kennedy and Bowles Apparently Straighten Out Their Difficulties



CHESTER BOWLES



ALLEN DULLES

Diplomat's Mission Discussed at Lunch, Indicating He Is Staying on.

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WASHINGTON, July 17—President Kennedy had Under Secretary of State Chester Bowles to lunch at the White House today and associates of Bowles said afterward that any differences between them had been straightened out.

It was indicated that Bowles, despite current reports to the contrary, will remain in his post for the time being. He had become the center of a controversy over the administrative tangle in the State Department.

Leaving Monday on Trip.
(Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, said the two men discussed at lunch Bowles's forthcoming trip to Africa, the Middle East and South Asia. United Press International reported.

(Bowles will conduct regional meetings with ambassadors during the 18-day trip, which begins Monday.

(Salinger was asked about reports that Bowles was on the way out as the No. 2 man in the State Department and would be reassigned to another diplomatic job.

("It's obvious that he's staying," Salinger replied. "Mr. Bowles is going ahead with his duties and with this trip that he has planned for some time.")

It now appears likely that premature publicity has delayed, if not killed, any contemplated move on Bowles's place in the Administration. The reported plan had been to ask Bowles to take a roving ambassadorship to the underdeveloped nations.

Harriman Report Denied.

Salinger also denied reports that roving Ambassador Averell Harriman would return to Washington to become a Soviet adviser and be replaced by Bowles. Nothing is known of any change in Harriman's status, according to Salinger.

The White House secretary also denied knowledge of reports that the resignation of Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, had been accepted by the President. Salinger repeated

what has often been stated before—that Dulles desires to step out before the end of the year, with November the probable date of his resignation. He has been under heavy fire since the fiasco of the Cuban invasion.

If Bowles and Dulles were to go at the same time, it would convince conservatives that the President was trying to clear a middle course between liberal

and "hard line" factions in the shaping of foreign policy.

The President is known to be concerned about achieving unity on the Berlin issue and he even has suggested to some of his top officials that it would be well to postpone any discussion of the dilemma over Red China and its admission to the United Nations.

(The New York Times said that in addition to replacement of Dulles as head of the CIA, Deputy Director Richard Bissell also was slated to go. One report circulating in Washington, the Times said, was that Clark Clifford, former St. Louisan and onetime assistant to former President Truman, would replace Dulles. The Times said it can be stated that this is false.)

Possible Bowles Successors.

Two successors, both Republicans, have been mentioned for Bowles's job. One is Arthur Dean, head of the United States delegation to the stalled nuclear test talks in Geneva. Dean was a former law partner of the late John Foster Dulles and at one time headed the New York law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell.

The other candidate on whom speculation centered was McGeorge Bundy, former Harvard dean and currently President Kennedy's adviser in the White House on national security affairs. Until he came out for his

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